

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/072,909

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/12/02.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16, 29 and 31.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


CAO (KEVIN) NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ian Clark and Bebe Bondoc on 02/01/05.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 17-28 and 30 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-16 and 29-31 are allowed over the prior art.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features of a GUI framework for a network management and service provisioning workstation of a managed communications network the frame work comprising a plurality of generic view panel components for displaying to a user network management and service provisioning information regarding managed network entities and for receiving user input; a plurality of view panel descriptor files each descriptor file including information specifying the configuration of a corresponding generic view panel component; a plurality of rules for specifying valid interactions with attributes of network entities managed by the network management and service provisioning workstation; and machine logic for selectively configuring a run-time at least one generic view panel component in accordance with the

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specification detailed in the corresponding descriptor file to display view panel instance on a display view panel instance on a display interface in response to a user input. These features are not found or suggested in the prior art.

The present invention is directed to a plurality of view panel descriptor files each descriptor file including information specifying the configuration of a corresponding generic view panel component; a plurality of rules for specifying valid interactions with attributes of network entities managed by the network management and service provisioning workstation; and machine logic for selectively configuring a run-time at least one generic view panel component in accordance with the specification detailed in the corresponding descriptor file to display view panel instance on a display view panel instance on a display interface in response to a user input.

Each independent claim is identified “a plurality of rules for specifying valid interactions with attributes of network entities managed by the network management and service provisioning workstation; and machine logic for selectively configuring a run-time at least one generic view panel component in accordance with the specification detailed in the corresponding descriptor file to display view panel instance on a display view panel instance on a display interface in response to a user input.” The closest prior art Straub discloses a conventional select components from multiple themes to enhance the GUI; either singularly or in combination fail to anticipate or render the above underline limitations obvious.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

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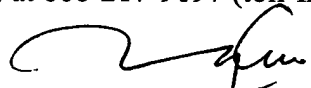
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053.

The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571)272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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